

## Kenny Rogers

### "Grey Beard"

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He was 9 years old when his folk left home on a wagon  
heading west  
When his mom and dad knew he'd grow bad by the  
mark of the devil on his chest  
On 17 he turned up mean, he already made his bid  
He had a name in the fast gun gang and they called  
him "The Devil Kid."

Now the kid's name grew and his gang did too  
When it all goes town appeared,  
sitting there in the Marshal's chair  
It's the one they called "Grey Beard."

Did you better quit, while the quitting's good  
'Cause it's always one as bigger  
There'll be one guy with a faster eye  
Who's lighting on the trigger.

Let me tell you son  
Buy a real fast gun that every outlaw fears  
He made his name in this killing game  
It's the one they call "Grey Beard."

He had a drawing hand like no other man  
It was faster than the eye  
And there were always plenty of kids about 20  
Just couldn't wait to die.

He was a fast gun looking to make a name  
And hooking was his virtue and killing was a game.

So the kid said: "Tell me where is this man who never  
feared a gun"  
Grey Beard raised his head and said: "You're looking  
at him, son"  
So the kid tried staring Grey Beard down with eyes like  
ace of dice  
And Grey beard's frown, turned upside down to a smile  
as cold as ice.

So the devil kid reached for his gun with a draw as fast

as light  
But he lost the game to a shot that came from  
somewhere out of sight  
And as the kid went down and he hit the ground  
Before he lost his mind, he heard:  
Grey Beard snicker, I was even quicker before I went  
stone blind.

Fast gun looking to make a name  
And hooking was his virtue  
He's killed ace game...

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